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THE LOVERS PRIEND.

O moon ! upon love's errand I was bent ;

They call thee "lovers' friend," but not to Dost thou deserve the name, for if I went Near to her house, thy lovely, mellow light Would be my ruin. If the night were dark, I might elude her father's watchful eye : But now his dog would see me and would bark;

Then he'd come out and I should have to fly, And by the light he'd catch me, sure as fate. So I'll not risk it, and, O moon ! so fair, . While all thy beauties I appreciate, I wish, by thunder, that thou wert not there !

> ----LIBBY PRISON.

Libby prison, the historic military jail of the Confederate government, was recently sold at auction under a deed of true The suctioneer stated that the property was being rented as a wealth to. The foreman of the juty suddenly tobacco factory at \$50 a month. The building was started at \$5,\$00, and went up by slow degrees to \$5,000. The auctioneer said reproachfully that it cost ever half this amount to put down the piles upon which the building was erected. He then suggested that such was the value of the historical associations of the building that if it were pulled down the bricks could easily be sold at the North for \$1 aplece, and as there were 240,000 the building would tails. bring \$240,000. He would, however, be satisfied to sell it for less money. This appeal sent the bidding up to \$6,725, and it was knocked of Richmond. The building is now occupied by him in his stealing, but taken she is very Mr. F. M. Boyken, as a tobacco factory. A poor, crowd of negroes looked through the upper story iron bars, interested spectators of the sale. bull story about his coming in possession of federate military prisons, and by the Confeder- death of a relative in New Orleans ?" there still-"Libby Prison." The iron bars have

much weather-stained and rather indistinct, is al, typho-bilious, remittent fever of some kind, been taken from the windows and sold as old iron. Soon after the war the prison was withcout tenants, but finally a Northern gentleman reuted it and filted it up as a sumac warehouse. give up the profession than lie. and then a tobacco factory. The building has a front of 140 feet and a depth of 106 feet. When it was used as a prison it was divided into nine rooms, each 102 feet long and 45 feet wide. The partitions have been knocked down. In many places on the walls there can still be seen letters and dates carved in the bricks by Federal captives. Scattered about there are designs by those prisoners who were artistically

nelined and had a taste for the sculptor's art. Skulls, cross-bones, coffins, chains, are mixed the simple truth, and when I can't do that any up with the more ambitious attempts in the more in a Texas court house, I'm going to quit shape of thin legged animals, which the beholder's fancy can take for horses, cows or drag-Men who were confined in the Libby are scattered all over the Chion, and yet it may be wrides something for de papers nowtays, and P oubted whether there is one in a hundred who knows the history of Libby Prison. It was built as a warehouse by an old citizen of Richmond, Mr. Libby, and up to ten years before the war he occupied the building. When the war began, the sign "Libby & Son, Ship Chandlers and Grocers," was over the entrance, and remained there up to the year 1863. Many a Federal prisoner will remember seeing it. Old Mr. Libby lived on Church Hill, in the lower portion of the city, near the historic St. John's Church, in which Patrick Henry delivered his immortal oration, concluding, "but for me,

give me liberty or give me death." This hill, overlooking the river, since the war, has been turned into a park, and is known as Libby Hill Park. In his warehouse Mr. Libby amassed a Libby Prison was not the first choice of the Confederate government as a military prison. Soon after the commencement of hostilities the authorities began to look around for a suitable building as a prison for Union soldiers. They fixed upon a large frame building in what is known as Lumpkin's alley. This was the first I koodn't git me oud efferway, my fest vas military prison in Richmond, and perhaps the bushed vay up unter my arm boles. Ven I South, and was called "Castle Godwin." It had fount I was dite shtuck, I holler "Katrina! been built and used as a "jail" for the housing | Katrina!" Und ven she koom and see me of slaves before they were sold. Lumpkin's shtuck in de parrel up to my arm holes, mit my alley was filled with these large houses called face all blood and sigs, py cholly, she chust "jails," and here the slave sales took place. Castle Godwin had not been in use a year be-

authorities fixed upon the large warehouse of Libby & Sons, "on the dock." Castle Godwin was nearly a mile from the river, and in a low and swampy portion of the city. It is a singular fact that none of the Libby Prison officials are now in Richmond. There are quite a number of ex-Confederates who acted as guards at the prison still living here. Major Turner, the commandant of the Libby, was one of the youngest officers in the Confederate service, and his rank was owing to the fact that he had been at West Point. When the States secoded he was a cadet there, and at once resigned and came South. He held the position of commandant of the Libby until the koom oud dey shticks in me all de vay rount. close of the war, when he went to Mexico and Vell, to make a short story long, I told Kaexperienced an adventurous life with Maximilirina to go und dell usypor Hansman to pring a ian. Afterward he returned to Mississippi, saw und saw me dis parrel off. Vell, he knows studied dentistry, and one of his guards says und he like to shplit himself mit laf, too, but he that he is now a successful dentist in Memphis. roll me ofer und saw de parrel all de vay are

modation of the prisoners, and the Confederate

It happened in Texas, and within a few hundred miles of Galveston. A poorly-clad, thin charge of stealing a ham from a grocer. His name was Jerry McGonigle, the son of an alleged poor but virtuous widow. The personal appearance of the boy was not sufficiently attractive to blind the journs to the real merits of the case. The foreman of the jury, who was a professional told the next juryman confidence. professional, told the next juryman confidentially that, although he had been on the bench -the jury bench-for the past twenty-five years, he had never seen such a depray of face patent medicines in our columns, for the busion a mere boy. The other juryman whispered ness of a newspaper is to let people know what back that the sheriff had ruined his chances is going on in the world, and not to-lend aid tofor re-election with the law abiding elements what may be an imposition. But we happen to by taking the handcuffs off such a desperate know Dr. David Kennedy, of Roadout, N. T., villain and allowing him to sit near the stone. and can personally testify to the excellence of A plea of "not guilty" was entered and the the medicine which the doctor call "Favorite" trial proceeded. The evidence was dead against Remedy." For diseases of the blood, kidneysthe boy, but before the case went to the jury and bowels, it has no equal. We would not bethe boy's lawyer got up and said : May it please your honor, the mother of | - Desig Times.

death of a relative in that city, she comes into possession of a large number of houses, railroad and other stock to be held in trust for this boy myself have seen the document.

"Where does the widow live " asked

When the jury got back, after an absence of one minute, there were real teary of fry in the eyes of the foreman as he protroughed the verdict of "not guilty," amid the supplement cheers of the crowd. The boy was bestriffy congratulated by the lawyers and jurymen who gathered around him. The prospecting atterney intimated that he would proceed criminals y and civilly against the grocer from whom the ham was stolen. An elderly lawyer, who was a batchelor, told the boy he was sorry that he was not a complete orphan, as he was looking for a bright boy to adopt and leave his remembered that he had known the widow in former days; that she was a lady, and fit to be the companion of an English peer. Several member, of the bar accompanied the boy home to break the glad tidings of his acquittal to the

sudden rich widow. Reporters are naturally suspicious, and a regi resentative of the Galveston News called on

"That boy and his mother are in big luck." "Yes," said the lawyer, "they nearly got him that time. He's the worst little ruscal in Texas, down to Mr. James T. Gray, a young capitalist and his mother is no better. She encouraged

"Do you mean to say that it is all a cock-and-Libby Prison was the most famous of the Con- houses, railroad and other stock, through the

ate government it was ranked as the most se- The lawyer laughed and said: "I tell you ure, although the success of the tunnelling en- confidentially I was fooling the fellows. The terprise of Streight. Rose and others, rather Widow Metionigle has a sister in New Orleans, depreciated the idea of its safety, and caused and that sister had a boy. She bought the boy, Major Turner to double his guards. The Libby at auction, a big lot of toys, wooden houses, in outward appearance has changed but little tin ratironds and a Noah's ark, full of bloaded since the war. Even the sign, although now stock, but the boy got a genuine case of malariand died, so the New Orleans woman shipped the stuff to the willow for her boy Billy. I saw the letter and the boy myself. It is a fact that he has come into possession of houses, railroads and stock, as I stated, for I would rather

"I always knew that," said the reporter. "It is right amusing to see three or four old duffers prowling about the glace. One of them has bought Bill a new suit of clothes and invited the widow to a masqueside ball. They get out of the house like they had been scalded when the widow shows them the improved property and the rest of the playthings. They go about raving and say I on to biame for it all, but I don't see how, do you ! I only stated

"SOCKERY" SETTING A HEN. MEESTER EDITOR: I see dot most efferpoty tought praps meppe I can do dot, too, so l wride all apout vot took place mit me lasht summer; you know-oder uf you dond know, den I della you-dot Katrina (dot is mine vrow) dime ago, and von tay she sait to me, "Sockery" (dot is mein name), "vy dond you put some uf de nigs under dot oft plue hen ebickens? I dinks she vants to sate." "Vell," I sait, moppe, I guess I vill." So I bloked oud some fere de oit hen make her pests in de side of de haymow, pound fife six veet up. Now you see I nefer was ferry pig up and down, but I vas pooty pig all de vay around in de mittle, so I koodn't reach up till I vent und got a parrel doven my hed rise up by de nesht, de olt hen she gif me such a blek dot my nose runs all ofer my face mit plood, und ven I todge pack dot plas-

ted olt parrel het preak, und I veut down ker-Py cholly, I didn't tink I kood go insite a perrel before, but dere I vas, and I fit so dite dos lait town on de bay and laft, and laft, till I got. so mat I sait, "Vot you lay dere und laf like a fore it was found to be too small for the accom- olt vool, eb? Vy dond you koom bull me oud ?" Und she set up und sait, "Oh, vipe off your chin, und bull your fest down ;" den she laft back und laft like she shplit herself more as

Mat as I vas, I tought to wyself, Katrins, she shpeak English pooty good ; but I only sait, mit my greatest dignitude, "Katrina, vill you buil me oud dis parrel ?" "Und she see dot I louk pooty red, so she salt," Of course I vill, Sockery." Den she lait me und de parrel town on our site, und I dook holt de door will, und Kamate I yelled, " Donper and blitzen, shtop dat, py golly ; dere is nafis in de parrel !" You see off, und I git up mit half a parrel around my valst. Den Katrina she say, "Sockery, valt a

We are not in the habit of puffing my sort of without it for five times the delike that it costs.